SEND FORTH YOUR SPIRIT

Psalm 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34

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INTRO Allegretto (♩ = ca. 66)

Keyboard

Ped.

REFRAIN

Soprano mp

Alto mp (1st time: tacet)

Send forth, send forth, send forth your Spirit, Lord; renew the face of the earth. Send forth, send forth, send forth your Spirit,
Lord; re-new the face of the earth.

VERSES

1. Bless the Lord, O my soul, bless the Lord! Bless the Lord, Lord God, in his

2. You take back your spirit, they die, turn ing to dust from

3. May the glory of God last for ever! May the Lord in his

Send Forth Your Spirit
1. how great you are!

3. works__ rejoicing!

2. which they came.

You send your spirit, they are created;

Ped.

D.S.

1. Full is the earth, full of your riches.

3. I find my joy, my joy in the Lord.

2. attended; and you renew the face of the earth.

1, 2: D.S.

3: to Final Refrain

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Send Forth Your Spirit (Psalm 104) speaks powerfully about the presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives and in our world. The work of the Holy Spirit is at the heart of human life, growth and development in the threefold elements of human life—body, mind and spirit.

In the Rites of Christian Initiation, those who choose to follow Christ commit themselves to a life of love—they die to their old selves in the waters of baptism, are sealed with the Holy Spirit in Confirmation so their lives may give off the “aroma of Christ” and eat and drink of the Lord’s own sacrifice through the Eucharist.

This setting for two-part equal voice combination and keyboard accompaniment may be sung as the Responsorial Psalm or alternatively as a short and simple anthem during the Easter season or at Pentecost. The piece should be sung lightly and with a strong sense of movement to heighten the text. If accompanied on the organ, the registration similarly needs to be light and also bright in sonority with attention to the dynamics written. Phrase markings for the accompaniment are also indicated.

The setting would also be possible for children’s choir, with the easy (optional) second part deliberately reflecting the first in the way young singers prefer. In terms of phrasing, the refrain works especially well sung two measures to a breath.

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1. works, O Lord! Full is the earth, full of your riches.

2. You take back your spirit, they die, turning to dust from which they came. You send your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the earth.

3. light him. I find my joy, my joy in the Lord.

Verses 1, 3

1. Bless the Lord, O my soul, bless the Lord! Bless the Lord, Lord, bless the Lord, how great you are! How many are your thoughts, Lord God, how great you are! May the glory of God last forever! May the Lord rejoice! May my thoughts descend.

Refrain

Send forth, send forth, send forth your spirit, Lord; renew the face of the earth. Send forth, send forth, send forth your spirit, Lord; renew the face of the earth.

Final

Face of the earth, Lord, renew the face of the earth.

Preview